GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Spurious Medicine Racket
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any racket involving spurious medicines/drugs has been exposed/busted in various States of the country;
(b) if so, the total quantity of spurious medicines/drugs confiscated and the number of persons apprehended in the said process during the last three years, State-wise;
(c) the action taken by the Government against the manufactures of spurious medicines and persons found guilty; and
(d) the steps taken by the Government to curb the cases of manufacturing, supply and sale of spurious medicines in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)
(a) to (c) The subject of spurious medicines/drugs is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. As conveyed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare the details of spurious, adulterated and 'not of standard quality' drugs and action taken against offenders during the last three years on the basis of the reports of the States/Union territory is enclosed as Annexure-A (2014-2015), A1(2015-2016) & A2(2016-2017).
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(d) The manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs in the country is regulated under the provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules, 1945 thereunder through a system of licensing and inspection. Licenses for manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs are granted by the State Licensing Authorities (SLAs) appointed by respective State Governments. SLAs are legally empowered to take action against violation of any provision of the Act and Rules. Manufacturing and marketing of banned drugs is a punishable offence. Further, the Government is committed to ensuring that the quality, safety and efficacy of drugs are not compromised. With this in view, the Government has taken a series of measures including strengthening legal provisions, workshops and training programmes for manufacturers and regulatory officials and measures such as risk based inspections.
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